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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-~~29~~ 2-29 cancelled by amend A

Please add the following new claims 30-55:

Sub C 30. A computer system assisted method of generating a customized visual output to facilitate a sale of a product, the computer system comprising one or more computers and storing product images, product environment images and text segments for integration into the customized visual output, the method comprising:

prompting a user of the computer system with a plurality of questions related to at least one of a desired feature and desired use of the product;

receiving into the computer system answers to the plurality of questions;

automatically selecting, in response to at least one of the received answers, a product image, a product environment image and a text segment; and

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